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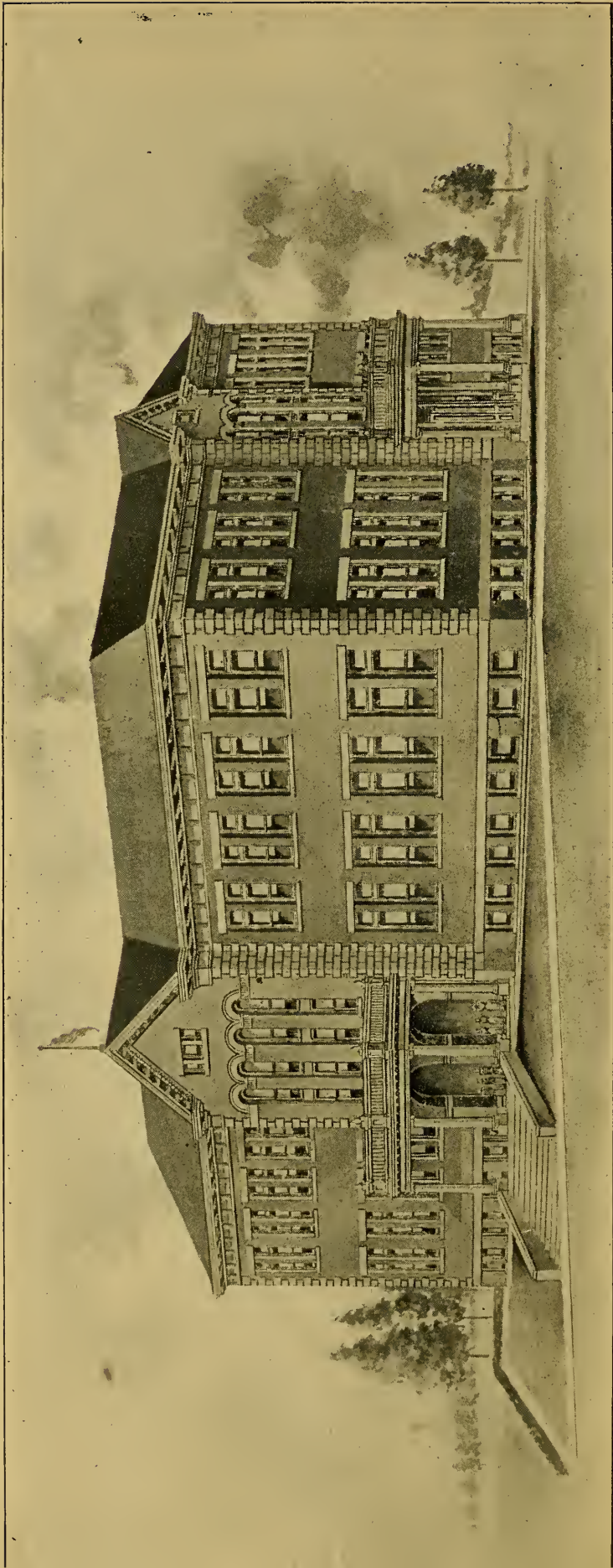
Committee of Industries



Offers Special Inducements to Manufacturers



A Profitable Field for Investors



HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



Manchester



LOCATED on the James River opposite Richmond, and having a population of 15,000, including the suburbs, is magnificently located, and offers to the manufacturer, the investor, and the home seeker advantages unexcelled by any city in the South.

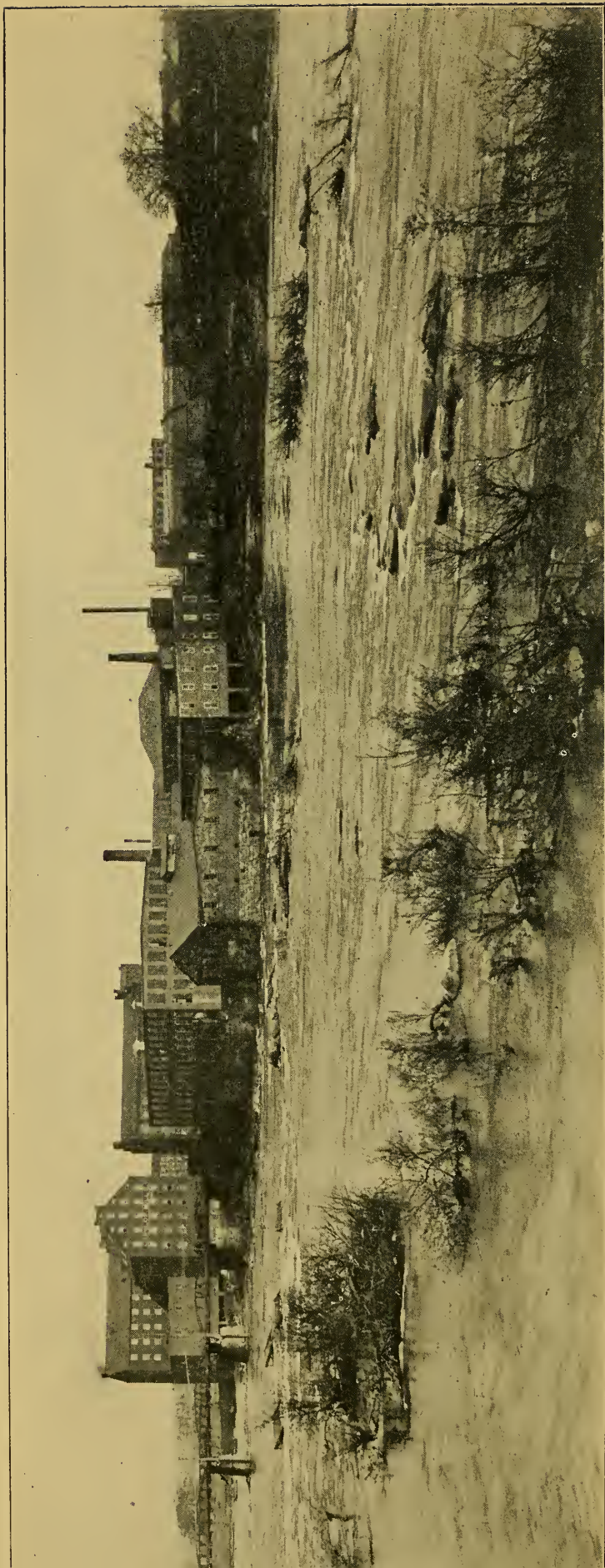
Situated just at the head of tide-water the city hugs the river so as to give it the shape of a horse shoe, and the topography of the land is especially suitable for the development of great water power.

Its proximity to Richmond makes the two cities practically one, but Manchester has some advantages which Richmond does not enjoy, such as cheaper homes, cheaper sites for factories, and clear drinking water.

Manchester with her fine transportation facilities and real advantages, is fast becoming a very important manufacturing and commercial centre, and her business men with characteristic conservative citizenship have laid the foundation for the city's solid and permanent growth.

Encouraged by the City Council

The liberality of the City Council has induced large manufactories to locate in Manchester, and this is adding greatly to the development and pros-

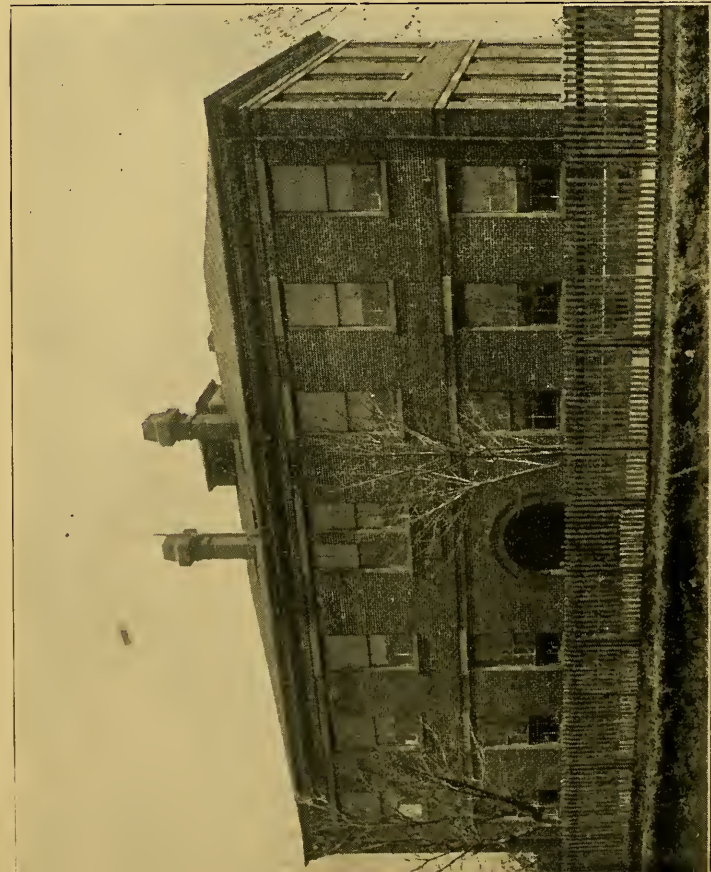


MANCHESTER ENTERPRISES UTILIZING IMMENSE WATER-POWER OF THE JAMES RIVER

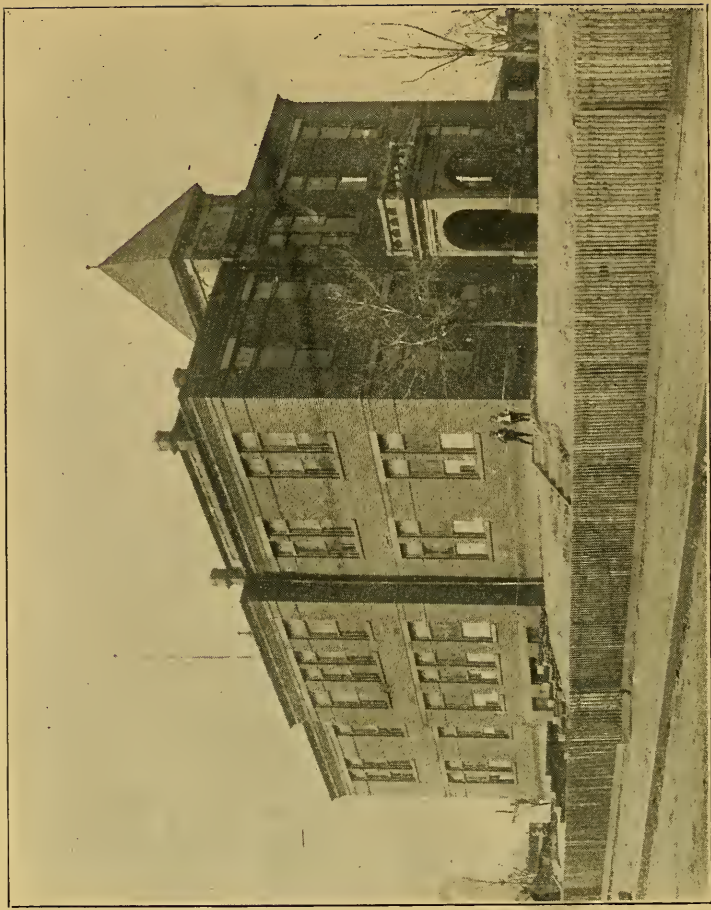
perity of the city. Among the large establishments that have in recent years located in Manchester are:

The Donnan Hardware Company.
The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.
The Richmond Electric Company.
The Richmond Wood Working Company.
The Johnson Axle Works.
The Wingo, Ellett & Crump Shoe Company.
The Blair Glass Works.
The James River Mattress Company.
Standard Paper Manufacturing Company.
Linton Coated Paper Company.
Standard Oil Company.
Southern Manufacturing Company.
Manchester Lumber Company.
Brimser & Sons, Manufacturers Wood Novelties.
Manchester Furniture Company.
Manchester Table Company.
Union Trunk & Bag Company.
Aragon Coffee Company.
E. K. Vietor & Company, Tobacco.
T. M. Carrington Tobacco Factories.
Carrington & Company, Tobacco Warehouse.
Cameron Stove Company.
Union Stove Company.
American Bridge Company.
American Foundry Company.
Virginia Metal Company.
Virginia Rug & Drugget Company.
Virginia Leather Company.
Staunton Tanning Company.
Unity Broom Works.

In addition to these newer enterprises there are a large number that have been doing steady and prosperous business for years, and other longer established enterprises which give employment to many persons.



PUBLIC SCHOOL (COLORED)



BAINBRIDGE STREET SCHOOL

Special Inducements

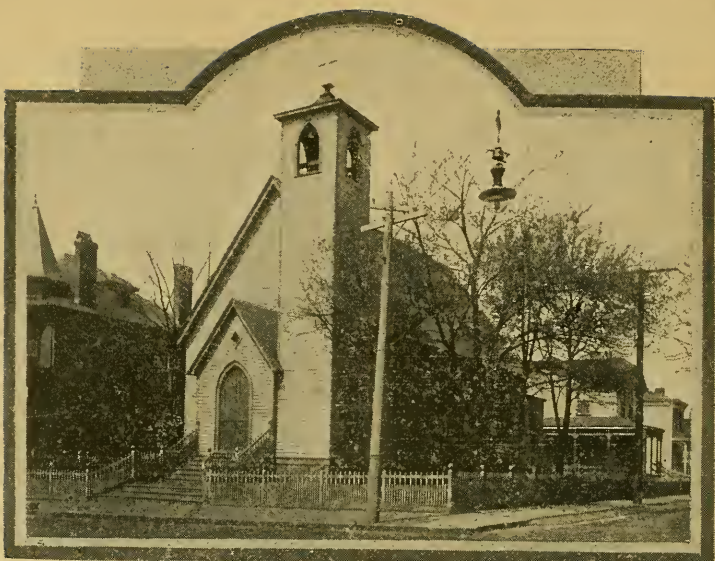
The City Council has shown a most liberal spirit towards encouraging industrial enterprises. The tax rate is a graduated one, and is based on the business done and not on the specific capital invested. The ordinance governing this subject is applicable to every merchant, mercantile firm or corporation conducting the business of manufacturer of products for sale. Moreover, the city has shown much liberality and public spirit in granting sites to manufacturing enterprises, and will grant the most liberal concessions for the establishment of industrial plants. The total city tax is only \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation, and this includes curbing, paving and sewer taxes. The assessment is low, making an exceedingly reduced rate of taxation as compared with other cities.

Adaptability for Wood Working Plants

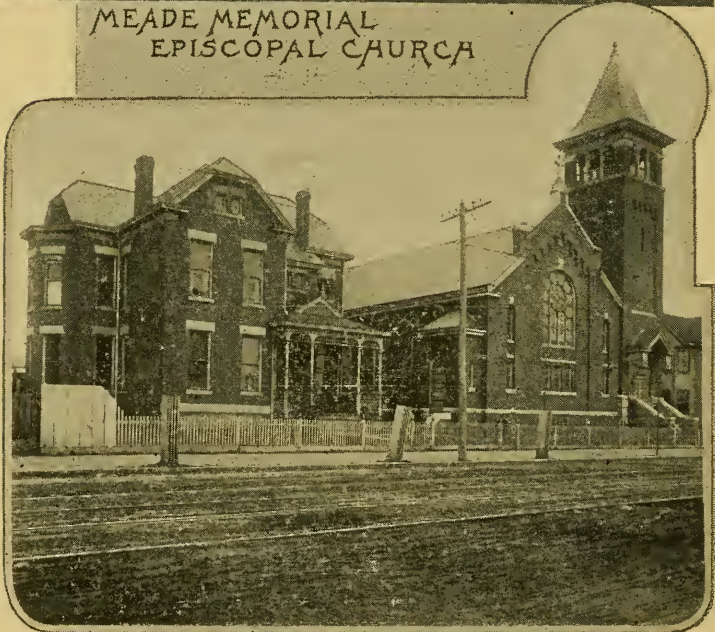
The shipping facilities enjoyed by Manchester, and proximity to the raw material gives the city special advantages in the manufacture of furniture, and all kinds of wood work. The raw material can be shipped direct to the sites that can be obtained for manufacturing plants at very reasonable rates.

Arrangements can be made for the extension of spur railroad tracks to these sites, and plans for the utmost convenience can be perfected.

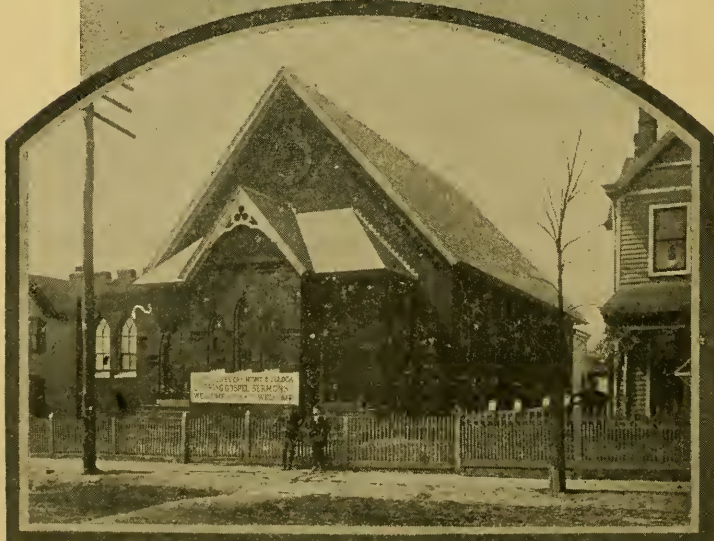
Manchester is in the very heart of a great manufacturing community comprising a population of over 125,000, and therefore has additional advantages over a single city in the securing of both skilled and unskilled labor. Any person or company desiring to start plants for the manufacture of any kind of wood work would find it greatly to their advantage to inspect the sites, and avail themselves of the opportunities offered by Manchester in this particular respect.



MEADE MEMORIAL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND PRIEST'S HOUSE



COWARDIN AVE. CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Splendid Shipping Facilities

Manchester has the advantage of shipment both by water and rail. The Richmond wharves of the Old Dominion Steamship Line where the New York Steamers load and unload are opposite the Manchester wharves, and Manchester enjoys accessibility for shipment by water and by rail on both sides of the river. The great Trunk Lines of the South—The Southern Railway, The Seaboard Air Line, Norfolk & Western, and the Atlantic Coast Line pass through Manchester and give the city fine depot facilities. In many instances spur tracks run directly into the manufacturing plants, eliminating the cost of drayage. Possessing these advantages makes Manchester especially adapted to industrial and manufacturing purposes.

Churches

There are some splendid and commodious church edifices in Manchester, representing the various denominations. Some of these church buildings are exceedingly attractive, and are unexcelled in cities of a much larger growth. In the membership of these churches are earnest and sincere church workers who manifest the spirit of charity and brotherly love, and are ever striving for the moral welfare of the community.

The Schools

The school facilities are very fine and a corps of skilled teachers are employed. A splendid high school is now in course of erection, and the school system is being perfected to a high degree. There are twenty-nine public schools in Manchester of which number twenty are white and nine are colored. In addition to these there are several fine private schools. There is also a flourishing kindergarten under the management of efficient instructors.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH



BAINBRIDGE STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

Banks

There are two banks in Manchester which have added much to the material growth of the city. The Mechanics & Merchants Bank has a capital of \$50,000.00, surplus of \$40,000.00 and deposits amounting to nearly \$500,000.00. This bank has recently bought a desirable site in the heart of the city on which will be erected a new bank building, with the most modern improvements and fixtures. Mr. J. H. Patteson is cashier.

The Bank of Manchester, which was only organized in 1903, has a capital stock of \$50,000.00, and has undivided profits amounting to \$12,500.00. The deposits aggregate \$250,000.00. The cashier of this bank is Mr. Clarence Vaden.

Water Works

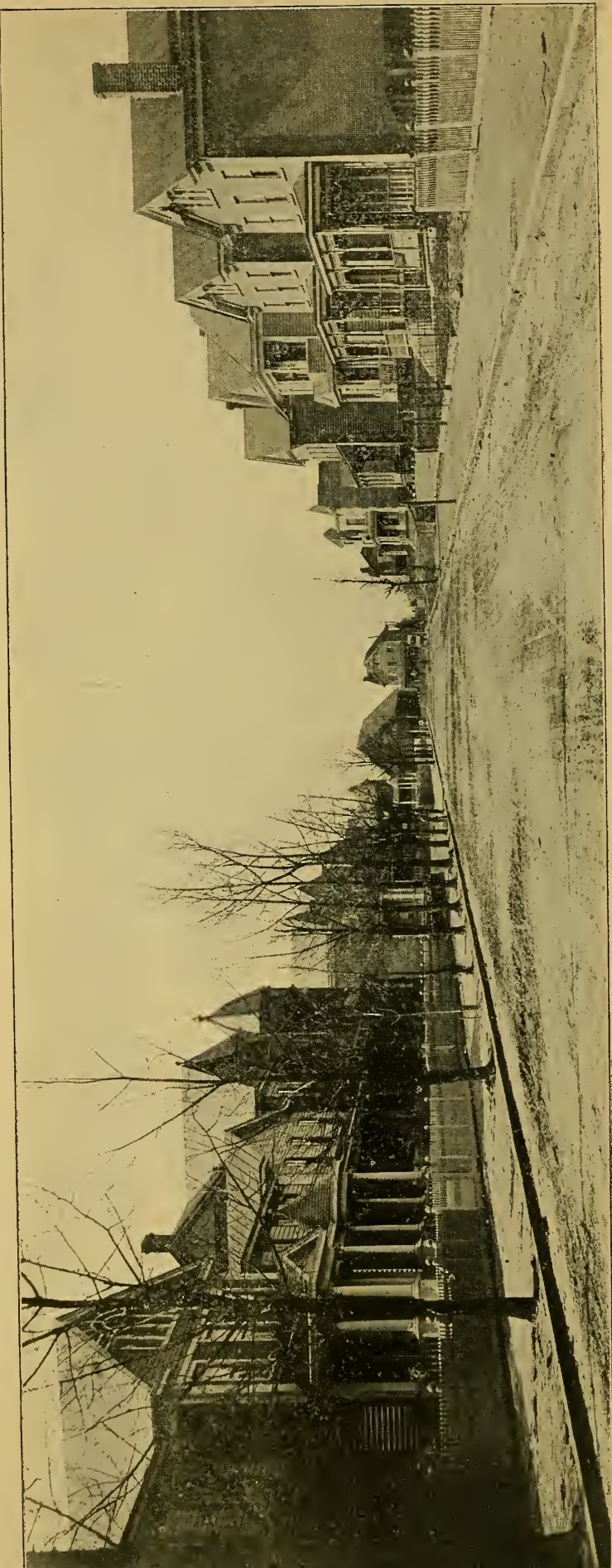
The water works of the city has capacity for filtering 1,500,000 gallons a day, and this can be easily increased as the necessity demands. The filtering plant gives the city of Manchester clear and pure drinking water, and has just recently been put into operation.

Fire Department

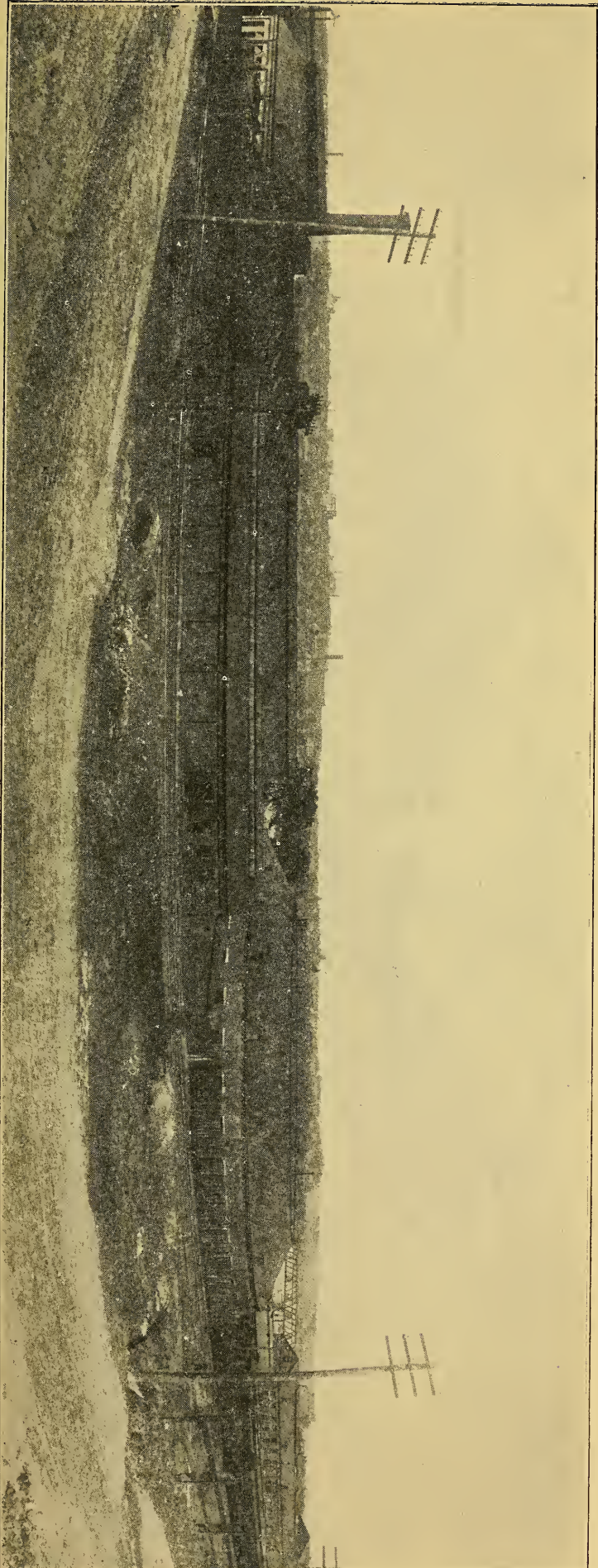
The city has a well equipped fire department with paid firemen, and enjoys low fire insurance rates—a great deal lower than are offered in many other cities.

Gas and Electric Lights

The people have advantage of both gas and electric lights, which are furnished at reasonable rates. The streets are lighted with electric lights, which make a fine illumination.



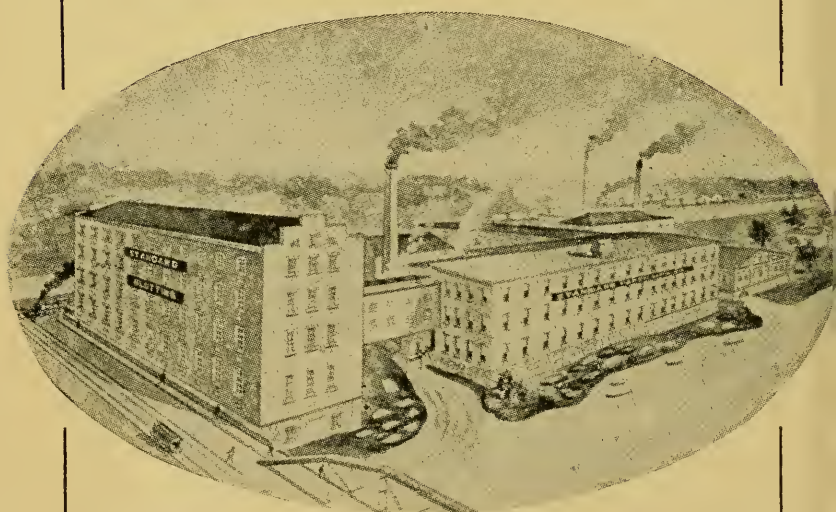
PORTER STREET LOOKING SOUTH
CORNER STREET LOOKING SOUTH



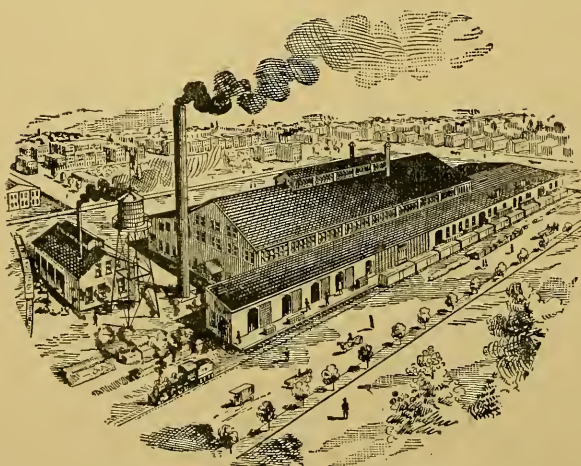
SOUTHERN RAILWAY SHOPS AND ROUND HOUSE



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (COLORED)



STANDARD PAPER MANUFACTURING CO.



BLAIR GLASS COMPANY

A Demand for Residential Buildings

The demand for residences in Manchester is great, and in this the city offers a field for remunerative investment. New homes are occupied as soon as they are finished, and in many instances they are contracted for before the buildings are finished. Building lots can be purchased at low rates, and these lots are close to the street railways operating in Manchester and Richmond, and to the inter-urban line between Manchester and the city of Petersburg.

Bright Prospects

At no time in the history of the city has its prospects been brighter. The advantages of the place cannot fail to attract persons seeking investment and the prospects for remunerative investment are indeed flattering. Manchester is keeping step to the music of material progress and development, and any further information concerning the city will be promptly furnished upon application to the

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Wingo, Ellett & Crump Shoe Co.

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WAREHOUSE

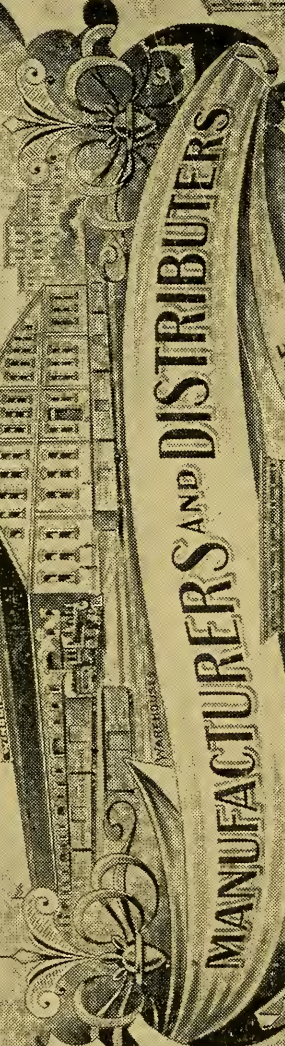
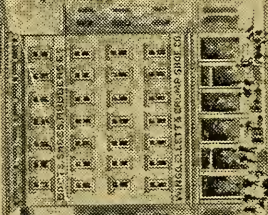
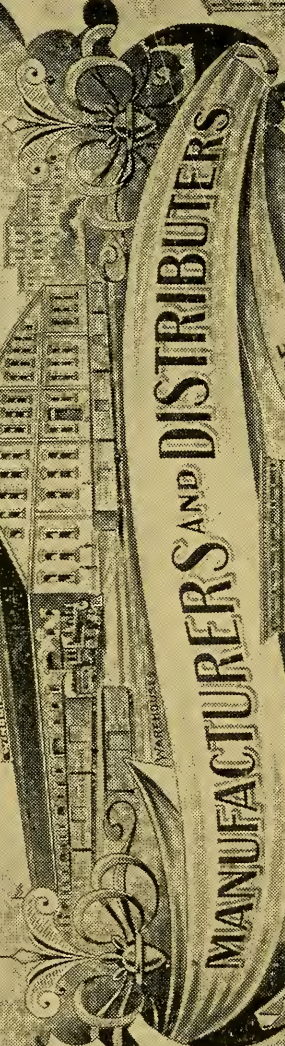
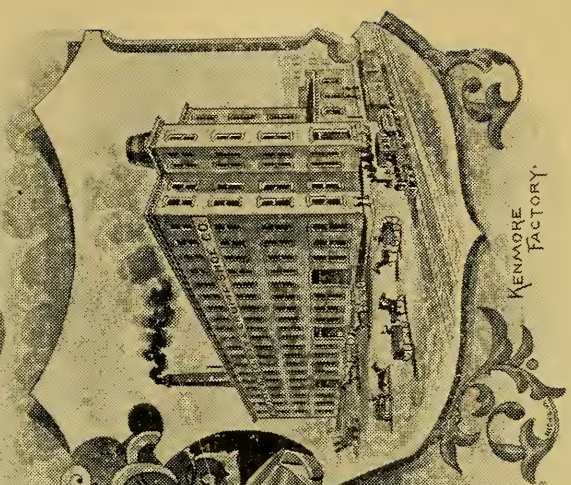
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